

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-86-C - ORDER NO. 2004-276
JUNE 1, 2004

IN RE: Application for Approval of an Additional)	ORDER GRANTING
NPA/NXX in the Columbia, SC and)	ADDITIONAL NPA/NXX
Charleston, SC Exchanges for NuVox)	IN THE COLUMBIA
Communications, Inc. in order to Establish)	AND CHARLESTON
new Local Routing Number (LRN) in each of)	EXCHANGES
these Markets.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of NuVox Communications, Inc. (NuVox) to obtain new NPA/NXX codes in the Columbia, South Carolina and Charleston, South Carolina rate centers without having to demonstrate that it meets the 65% utilization requirements for obtaining new numbering resources. NuVox states that the new resources are required in connection with its deployment of new switches in its network serving the Columbia and Charleston markets. In order for the new switches to receive call traffic, a Local Routing Number (LRN) is required, and NuVox requires the requested approval in order to make the new switches operational.

NuVox states that it does not meet the NPA criteria for allocation of thousands-block based on actual and forecasted growth. NuVox requests the Commission to approve the additional NPA/NXX under the exception allowed by the NPA Guidelines for circumstances where technical limitations exist. NuVox claims that its fielding of new switches in the Columbia and Charleston markets meets this technical exception as such requires a new NPA/NXX code for both of the affected rate centers.

NuVox asserts that it plans to begin providing service from its new switches in Columbia and Charleston as soon as possible but requires this Commission's approval of the Application and issuance of the NPA/NXX GSM service on a commercial basis within the next 6 months to one year. Accordingly, NuVox has requested expedited action on this request.

We have examined the facts of the case as stated by NuVox, and we agree with NuVox that it should be able to obtain new NPA/NXX codes in the rate centers indicated without having to demonstrate that it meets the 65% utilization requirements for obtaining new numbering resources. We grant the requested waivers. Clearly the new resources are required in connection with NuVox's deployment of new switching facilities in its network. It appears that the new switches will improve spectrum efficiency, enable new customer features, and provide a new transition path. Because NuVox has to route calls to two new switches in the Columbia and Charleston markets, NuVox requires a new NPA/NXX for each affected rate center. We find that NuVox's request is reasonable and hereby grant the waiver of the 65% utilization requirements for obtaining new numbering resources in this case.

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